

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE CONFLICT
IN UKRAINE**

2022 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Keven J. Stratton

Senate Sponsor: Michael S. Kennedy

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This resolution denounces Russia's unjustified invasion of Ukraine.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- calls upon the Russian Federation to cease fire and vacate the sovereign territory of Ukraine; and
- urges the United States federal government to take action against the Russian Federation and restore peace in Europe.

Special Clauses:

None

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein:

WHEREAS, on January 21, 1990, more than 300,000 Ukrainians called for unity and independence from the Soviet Union by forming a human chain between the cities of Kyiv and Ivano-Frankivsk;

WHEREAS, after years of oppression, in 1991, Ukraine won freedom from the Soviet Union's totalitarian dictatorship because of the Ukrainians' love of liberty;

WHEREAS, on February 8, 1994, Ukraine was the first member state of the Commonwealth of Independent States to join the Partnership for Peace program of the North



Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and has since deepened its relationship with NATO, recognized as an Enhanced Opportunities Partner;

WHEREAS, on December 5, 1994, in an effort to solidify security commitments to Ukraine in return for its nuclear disarmament, the United States, the Russian Federation, and the United Kingdom signed the Budapest Memorandum on Security Assurances, whereby each country pledged to respect the independence and sovereignty of Ukraine's borders while refraining from the threat or use of force against Ukraine;

WHEREAS, over the past three decades, the Russian Federation has illegally seized Ukrainian land in Crimea, armed Russian-backed separatists leading to thousands of deaths, interfered in elections, used chemical weapons to attempt assassinations, carried out cyberattacks and disinformation campaigns abroad, and violated international arms control agreements;

WHEREAS, at least 14,000 Ukrainians have been killed defending their homeland and millions more displaced since the conflict with Russia began;

WHEREAS, in March and November 2021, the Russian Federation deployed a massive troop and weapons buildup on the border with Ukraine;

WHEREAS, on February 23, 2022, the Russian military began a brutal assault on the people of Ukraine without provocation, justification, or necessity;

WHEREAS, this invasion was premeditated and planned by the Russian Federation, namely its President Vladimir Putin, for months;

WHEREAS, the Russian Federation has rejected every good-faith effort the United States and its Allies and partners made to address concerns through dialogue to avoid needless conflict and avert human suffering;

WHEREAS, to attempt to justify its invasion, the Russian Federation has made outlandish and baseless claims about Ukraine without any evidence;

WHEREAS, the Russian Federation has flagrantly violated international law in attempting to unilaterally create two new so-called republics on sovereign Ukrainian territory; and

WHEREAS, lasting peace and prosperity require respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of countries and respect for human rights:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the

Governor concurring therein, commends the courage, resolve, and restraint shown by the Ukrainian people in their pursuit of sovereignty and democracy, and pays tribute to the many men and women who gave their lives in pursuit of a free and democratic Ukraine.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor strongly denounce Russia's unprovoked and unjustified invasion of Ukraine and call upon the Russian Federation to immediately cease fire and vacate all areas of the sovereign territory of Ukraine.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor support and stand in solidarity with the people of Ukraine and Ukraine's fight to defend its sovereignty, territorial integrity, and the freedom of its citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor urge the United States federal government and its allies to take substantive action to punish the Russian Federation for its evil actions and restore peace in Europe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor urge the United States federal government and its allies to provide humanitarian relief to those suffering in Ukraine.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor encourage unity among NATO allies and the broader transatlantic community to convey solidarity in response to Russia's unprovoked military aggression against Ukraine.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor urge the United States federal government and its allies to take every appropriate action to be energy and mineral independent.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the president of the United States and the members of Utah's congressional delegation.